

NR Eligible: yes ☒ no

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Although on a separate parcel, the Weber Family Cemetery is a contributing resource to Seelheim. The Weber Family members who are buried in the cemetery made significant contributions to the development of three types of carnations. Because it is only associated with the burial of Weber Family members, and lacks any formal design for a cemetery, it is not individually eligible for the NRHP under Criteria A, B, or C. Criterion D was not investigated as part of this study. The Weber Family Cemetery is not associated with a religious property, it is not removed from its original location, there are additional resources associated with the life of Henry Weber, it is not associated with specific historic events, nor with persons of transcendent importance nor does it retain distinctive design features, it is not a reconstructed property, is not primarily commemorative and has not achieved

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significance within the last fifty years. As a result, the Weber Family Cemetery is not individually eligible and does not meet Criterion Considerations A, B, C, D, E or F.

The two historic properties' boundaries are confined to Parcel 574 (Seelheim) and Parcel 213 (Weber Family Cemetery) as shown on Garrett County Tax Map 78 (2008).

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

MHT Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services_____
Date_____
Reviewer, National Register Program_____
Date

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

Addendum

MIHP Number: G-IV-A-172
Property Name: Seelheim and Weber Family Cemetery
Property Address: 8553 George Washington Highway or 317 Weber Road, Oakland, MD 21550
Garrett County Tax Map 78, Parcel 574 (Seelheim House) and Parcel 213 (Weber Family Cemetery parcel)

A National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form was prepared in 1984 for Seelheim, a Queen Anne style house built by Floriculturist Henry Weber between 1898 and 1904. Due to owner objection the nomination was never finalized. Seelheim remains significant as an example of the Queen Anne style dwellings built in Garrett County during the last decades of the nineteenth and the first decade of the twentieth century by well-to-do property owners. During this time, Oakland and Mountain Lake were resort areas which attracted the wealthy and middle class. The dwelling remains clad in fishscale shingles and weatherboard, retains its porches, including the roofs and supports, the porte-cochère, one-over-one windows and chimneys. Although the property is reduced in size from its original extent, the house stands on a 9.32 Acre parcel (Garrett County Tax Map 78, Parcel 574). It has received very little attention from its present owner, but the building retains its integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling.

Seelheim is the last site in Oakland that can be formally associated with the horticultural work of Henry Weber and his sons Henry, William and Ralph. Between 1883 and 1904, they grew and harvested vegetables and flowers, including cauliflower, asparagus, carnations and chrysanthemums. The firm developed three prize winning carnations: Genevieve Lord (1900), Egypt and Norway (1901), and Henry and William Weber are credited with their development. Weber and Sons won several prizes for flower displays, including the World's Columbian Exposition (Chicago Worlds Fair) in 1893, The Horticultural Society of Chicago in 1899 and 1900, and the American Carnation Society's Lawson Medal in 1904. William Weber also served as the Vice President of the American Carnation Society in 1901.

The Webers owned all of the land to the southeast of Seelheim, and it was covered by greenhouses and a florist shop where Weber's daughters sold cut flowers. The B&O Railroad went through the property, and the area became known as Weber's Crossing. The Webers sent flowers and plants to wholesalers and florists by train. The original flower shop was replaced in the 1950s, and the greenhouses have fallen into ruins. All that remains standing are two chimney stacks.

Henry Weber died in 1904, at age 69, and he was buried in the Weber Family Cemetery on the north side of the Seelheim property. In addition to Weber, other family members

buried in the cemetery include his wife, Katharine, their children: Henry, William, Mary, Elizabeth, Katherine, George, Edith, Franklin and Ralph, and other relatives including grandchildren. The graves are clustered in several groups, but all face to the east. The cemetery does not have a formal layout of walkways or roads, the original family headstones are not uniform in style but are either rectangular or rounded at the top. It is a wooded area filled with ferns, shrubs and trees which overlooks MD 135. Although the cemetery is on the side of a hill, the burial sites are on flat land. Seeleheim is visible through the trees at the top of the hill.

The attached DOE explains that Seelheim meets NRHP Criteria A and C, and the house is eligible, while the Weber Family Cemetery is a contributing resource to Seelheim, but not individually eligible.

Prepared by Anne E. Bruder, Maryland State Highway Administration, Architectural Historian, September 10, 2008

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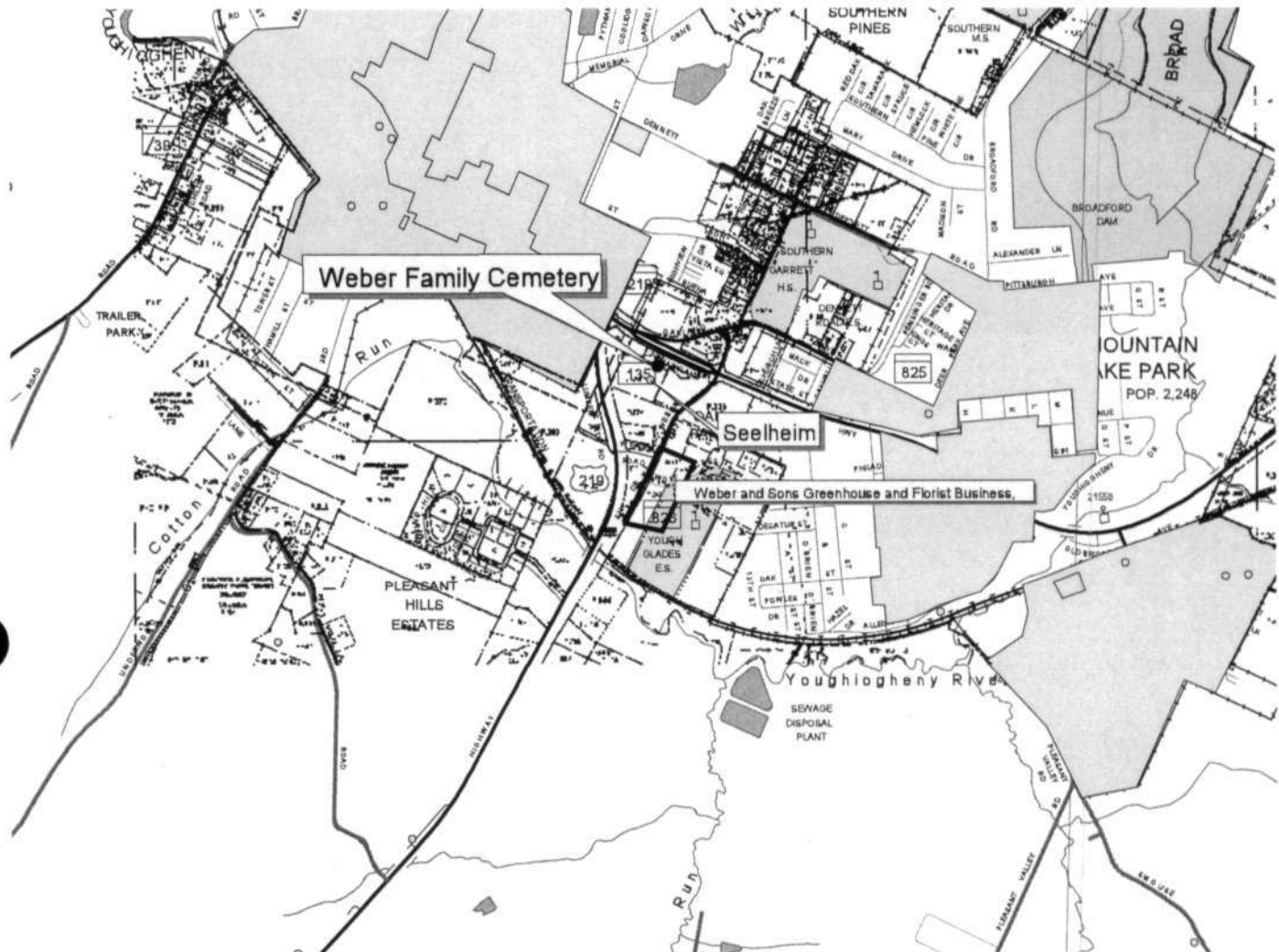
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Garrett County Tax Map 78 showing Seelheim and Weber Family Cemetery



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- DOQQ Index
- County



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SEELHAM & WEBER FAMILY CEMETERY.
GARDEN CO., MD

~~BRIDGE~~

JUNE 2008.

MD SAPO

HENRY WEBER & KATHARINE WEBER
GRAVES.

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See NEW & WEBER Family Cemetery
GARRETT Co., MD.

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WEBER Family Graves.

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SOLD HERE & DEER FAMILY CEMETERY.
CARSETT CO., MD.
FRUDEE.

JUNE 2008.

MIDLAND.

GENERAL VIEW OF CEMETERY.

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GARRETT Co., MD.

REMOVED.

JUNE 2008

MD SAPO.

LOOKING TOWARD SEELHEIM FROM
WESER CEMETERY.

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SEELHEIM & WEBER Family Cemetery,
GARRETT CO., MD.

BRIDGE

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FORMER FLORIST SHOP OWNED BY
WEBER'S.

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SEULTHEIM & WEBER FAMILY CEMETERY
GREEN CO., MD.

FRUNDER.

JUNE 2008

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STREET FORMER WEBER GREENHOUSE.

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SEELHEIM & WEBER FAMILY CENTER

GARRET Co., MD.

BRIDGE.

JUNE 2008

MD SAPO.

STATE OFFICER WEBER'S GREENWORKS
(NEW SAH MAINTENANCE SHOP) SHOWING
CHIMNEY.

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"Seelheim"
Oakland
Private

1898-1904

"Seelheim" is significant because it is one of the largest most elaborate houses in Garrett County. It embodies all the characteristics of the Queen Anne style; its original character has not been altered.

It is also significant for its association with Henry Weber, a nationally known, pioneer horticulturalist.

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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Seelheim

and/or common Seelheim

2. Location

street & number Route 135 n/a not for publication

city, town Oakland ☒ vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland code 24 county Garrett code 023

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
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<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Frank W. Robinette, Jr.

street & number Route 2, Box 47 K

city, town Oakland n/a vicinity of state Maryland 21550

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse

street & number Third and Alder Streets

city, town Oakland state Maryland 21550

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Coal Basin Historic Sites Survey

title Maryland Historical Trust

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date 1982

☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

7. Description

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Condition☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fairdeteriorated
ruins
unexposed**Check one**☒ unaltered
☐ altered**Check one**☒ original site
☐ moved date n/a**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance****Number of Resources****Contributing**1
0
0
0
1**Noncontributing**0 buildings
0 sites
0 structures
0 objects
0 TotalNumber of previously listed
National Register properties
included in this nomination: 0Original and historic functions
and uses: residential**DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:**

"Seelheim" is located in the middle of a wooded knoll approximately one half mile east of Oakland, county seat and largest town in Garrett County, Maryland. It is a large and rambling three story frame house topped by a pyramidal roof with numerous dormers. The house is covered with weatherboard siding at the first story and fish scale wooden shingles at the second story. The third story is made up of gable or dormer projections covered with fish scale shingles, along with a two bay recessed porch on the entrance facade. Built between 1898 and 1904, Seelheim has many attributes of the then popular Queen Anne style including an asymmetrical floor plan, wide porches and porte-cochere, irregular roofline and decorative shingling. It has had virtually no alterations and remains in a good state of preservation.

For General Description, see Continuation Sheet No. 1

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

"Seelheim," built by the horticulturalist Henry Weber between 1898 and 1904, is located in the middle of a wooded knoll approximately one half mile east of Oakland, the county seat and largest town in Garrett County, Maryland. It is set well back from the road and is reached by a driveway which circles the house.

The house is a large and rambling three story frame building with numerous gables and dormers projecting from a pyramidal roof. The facade faces west and has a central entrance. Two gable roofed additions project from the rear, east elevation. A One story hipped roof porch runs across the facade and wraps around the north elevation. A gable roofed porte-cochere extends from the east end of the porch on the north elevation.

The house is covered with weatherboard siding at the first story and fish scale wood shingles at the second story. The third story is made up of gable or dormer projections covered with fish scale shingles. A wide cornice separates the second and third stories.

Built in the Queen Anne style, the house has an irregular and asymmetrical appearance, due as much to the different sizes and placements of the windows as to the numerous projecting gables and dormers. The principal facade is marked by a large and unusual recessed porch on the third story with a massive gable end roof, supported by arches. There is a shallow bay window at the second story, beneath the porch.

Another unusual feature is seen on the south facade, where there is a stained glass oriel window at the west end. To the east of this is a large projective bay with eight rectangular casement windows with stained glass transoms. On the third story of this elevation are three dormer windows, the center one with a semi-circular gable.

At the west end of the north elevation, there is a window at the first story consisting of six rectangular casement windows with stained glass transom. The third story roof-line is punctuated by two dormers with steeply sloping gable roofs between which is a smaller dormer.

Two two-story gable roofed additions extend from the rear or east elevation. There is an entrance into the rear of the house at the south end, under a one-story shed roofed porch which runs across the addition at the south end of the rear elevation. The other tow-story addition is centrally placed on the rear elevation and extends beyond the other addition.

See Continuation Sheet No. 2

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

Like the exterior, the interior plan and woodwork are little changed from their turn-of-the-century appearance. The floor plan, in keeping with the exterior appearance, is irregular and asymmetrical. The front door opens up to a wide room with an elaborate brick fireplace and an entrance to the main hallway located on the opposite wall. The main staircase, lighted by the stained glass oriel, is situated on the south wall of the front room.

To the left of the front door is a small room lighted by the six pane casement window on the north wall. This room leads to a larger room along the north wall which functioned as the library when the Webers occupied the house. A large dining room is situated along the south wall behind the east wall of the entrance off the main hallway. It is lighted by a large projecting eight pane casement window. Bedrooms are located on the second and third stories.

There is a one story frame ice-house located a few feet east of the house. It contains two brick vaulted refrigerators. Ice from the pond at nearby Mountain Lake Park was brought and packed around the vaults. The icehouse also housed a pump and well. A spring enters the building through a trough at the lower level.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below				
prehistoric	archeology-prehistoric	community planning	landscape architecture	religion	
1400-1499	archeology-historic	conservation	law	X science	
1500-1599	agriculture	economics	literature	sculpture	
1600-1699	X architecture	education	military	social	
1700-1799	art	engineering	music	humanitarian	
X 1800-1899	commerce	exploration settlement	philosophy	theater	
X 1900-	communications	industry	politics government	transportation	
		invention		other (specify)	

Specific dates 1898-1904

Builder Architect

unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Applicable Criteria: A, C

Applicable Exceptions: none

Level of Significance for Evaluation: local

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

Seelhiem is significant for its architecture, and for its association with Henry Weber, a nationally-prominent horticulturalist for whom the house was built between 1898 and 1904. Weber immigrated to western Maryland from Germany in 1865 and established a successful family florist business. In the 1880s, he moved to the Oakland area and began pioneering work in the cultivation of carnations. His "Governor Lowndes" varieties developed in America, brought him national recognition. During the 1880s and 1890s, H. Weber and Sons Company won numerous awards for its carnations and chrysanthemums at floral exhibitions in New York, Chicago, Atlanta, and Cincinnati. Weber's elaborate home at Seelheim is a superior example of the Queen Anne style in Garrett County. The popularity of the Queen Anne style in the 1880s and 1890s coincided with the period of Garrett County's greatest prosperity, and Seelheim was one of many expensive houses built in the county during this time. Its rambling, asymmetrical plan, irregular skyline, and exterior detailing are noteworthy; Seelheim is distinguished among the other Queen Anne style houses surviving in the county by its high degree of elaborate and excellent state of preservation.

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT:

Henry Weber, who had Seelheim built between 1898 and 1904, was born in Klein Seelheim, a village in the province of Hesse-Kassel, Germany in 1835. He attended government schools until the age of fourteen when he was apprenticed to a gardener/florist. In 1865 he moved to America to assist his brother John in the establishment of a florist business in Mt. Savage, Maryland. Five years later he moved the business to nearby Cumberland, a city with a large German immigrant population.

At the urging of West Virginia Senator Henry Gassaway Davis, a holder of vast railroad and timber interests in Garrett County, Weber purchased one hundred acres south of Oakland, part of the old Hoyer tract known as "Circus." It was unimproved swampy land, but within a few years he was producing cauliflower, celery and cabbage.

Weber moved his family to Oakland in 1883 and lived near the vast greenhouses constructed the year earlier. Shortly thereafter, he began his pioneering work in the cultivation of carnations, with "Genevieve Lord," "Norway," and "Governor Lowndes" being among his most famous strains. "Governor Lowndes" was one of the first strains of pure white carnation developed in America and brought him national recognition. Aided by his six sons, H. Weber and Sons, Company won numerous awards for its carnations and chrysanthemums at floral exhibitions in New York, Atlanta, Chicago and Cincinnati during the 1880s and 1890s. His financial success and large family of eleven were undoubtedly the reasons for his building Seelheim, but Weber died on January 21, 1904, shortly before the completion of his elaborate home.

Seelheim is a significant example of the numerous Queen Anne style houses built in Garrett County during the last two decades of the nineteenth century. The popularity of the Queen Anne style coincided with the period of greatest prosperity in the county's resort industry initiated by the opening of two hotels owned and operated by the B & O railroad in 1873. The elaborate design of these and other hotels, as well as of the numerous houses built for wealthy summer visitors, set the scale and style for the homes of more permanent residents such as Weber. Like Seelheim these houses were built in the Queen Anne or Shingle styles and exhibit the asymmetrical plan and highly textured exterior so beloved of designers from this period. Seelheim is a Queen Anne style house built in a grand scale and is larger than all but a half dozen other frame houses in this part of the county. Among the features which mark the house as a superior example of this style are the wide wrap-around porch with porte-cochere, the three sided oriel with intricate stained glass windows on the south facade, and the off-center, semi-enclosed porch on the third floor.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 9.32 acresQuadrangle name Oakland, Md. W. Va.Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state n/a code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Geoffrey Henryorganization Maryland Historical Trustdate 17 February 1984street & number 21 State Circletelephone (301) 269-2438city or town Annapolisstate Maryland 21401

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

 national state X local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

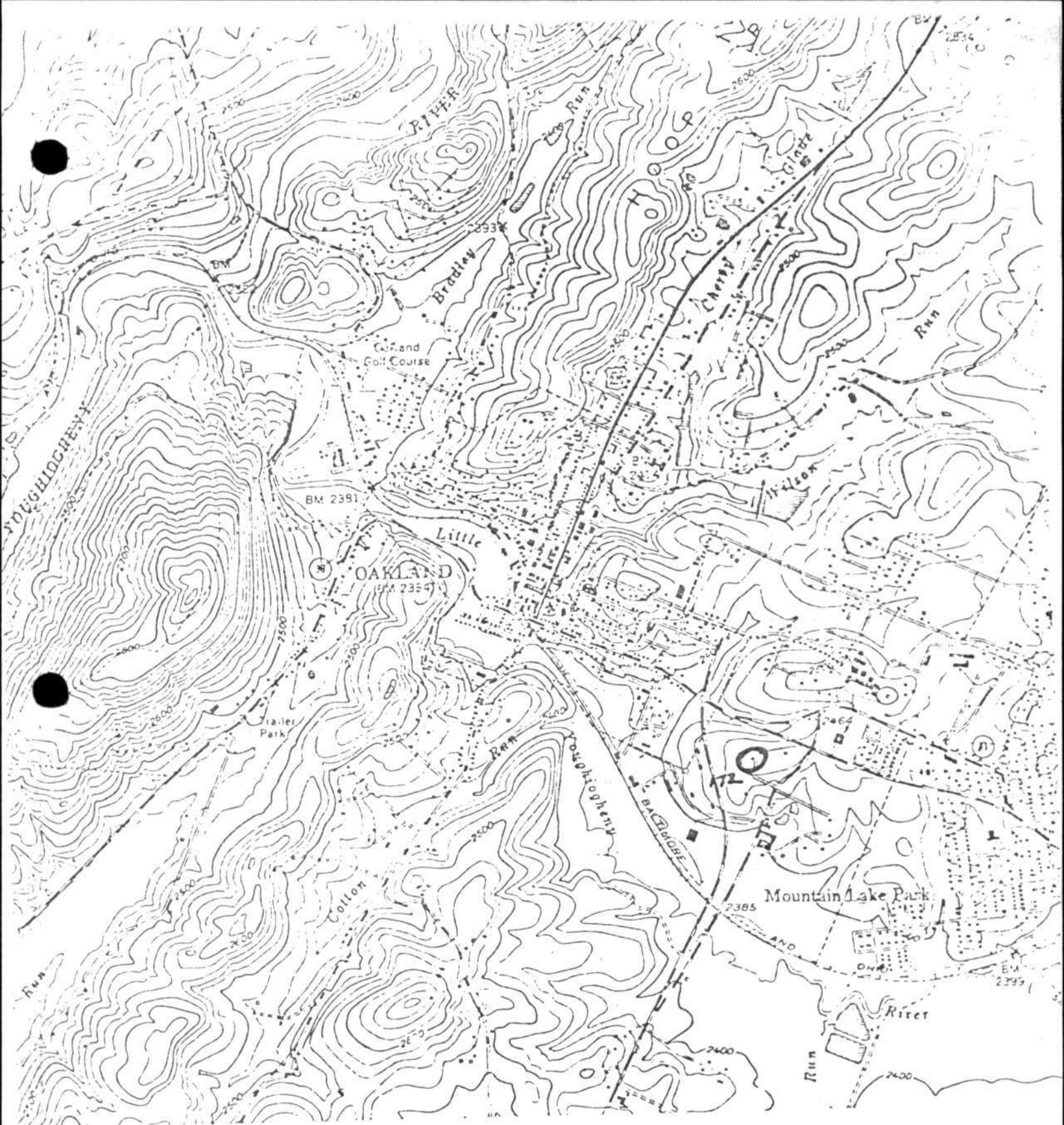
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Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration.



Oakland, MD, WV Quad-
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Site#: G-IV-A-172
 "Seelheim"
 Rt. 135, 500 feet south and
 1000 feet east of Rt. 219

owner: Mr. Frank Robenette, Jr.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

"Seelheim"

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 135, 500 feet south and 1000 feet east of Rt. 219

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Frank Robinette Jr.

Telephone #: (301)431-3766

STREET & NUMBER

8878 Piney Branch Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20903

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

—EXCELLENT
☒GOOD
—FAIR

—DETERIORATED
—RUINS
—UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒UNALTERED
—ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ORIGINAL SITE
—MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"Seelheim", begun in 1898 and completed in 1904, is a picturesque Queen Anne influenced house, situated on a knoll just east of the town of Oakland, MD.

It is a frame, 3-story, multi-gabled, multi-dormered structure with a pyramidal roof. The facade faces west and has a central entrance. Two gable-roofed additions project from the rear, east elevation. A 1-story hipped roof porch runs across the facade and wraps around the north elevation. A gable roofed porte cochere extends from the east end of the porch on the north elevation.

The house is covered with weatherboard siding at the first story and fish scale cut wood shingles at the second story. The third story is made up of gable or dormer projections covered with the fish scale shingles. A wide cornice separates the second and third stories.

Each elevation has at least one distinguishing feature. The facade is marked by a large recessed porch at the third story with a massive gable end roof, supported by arches. There is a shallow bay window at the second story, under the recessed porch.

The facade entrance is a double door with beveled glass and flanked by sidelights.

The south elevation is distinguished by a stained-glass oriel window at the west end. A large projecting window consisting of 8 rectangular casement windows with a stained glass transom and surrounded by wood panels, extends from the center of the first story, south elevation. The third story of this elevation is marked by arches of the recessed facade porch and 3 dormers.

At the west end of the north elevation, there is a window at the first story consisting of 6 rectangular casement windows with a stained glass transom. The third story roof line is punctuated by 2 steep gable dormers with a smaller dormer situated between them.

Two, 2-story gable roofed additions extend from the rear, east elevation. There is an entrance into the rear of the house at the south end, under a 1-story shed porch which runs across the addition at the south end of the rear elevation. The other 2-story addition is centrally placed on the rear elevation and extends beyond the other addition. As first story is lighted by long 6 pane and 8 pane casement windows.

The remaining windows are predominately one-over-one sash.

The house is fitted with wooden gutters.

There are 3 tall brick chimneys with corbeled caps: one at the rear elevation, one at the north elevation and one within the main block toward the facade.

The interior is based on an asymmetrical floor plan. The facade entrance enters into a wide room with an elaborate brick fireplace and entrance to the main hallway located on the opposite wall. The main staircase lighted by the stained glass oriel window is situated on the south wall of the front room.

To the left of the main entrance, a doorway leads to a small room lighted by the 6 pane casement window on the north wall. This room leads to a larger room along the north wall which functioned as the library when the Webers occupied the house.

A large dining room is situated along the south wall behind the east wall of the entrance off the main hallway. It is lighted by the large, projecting, 8-pane casement window. According to Mrs. Frank Robinette, Sr., the dining room could accommodate 2 dozen guests at one large oval table.

The smaller 2-story addition on the rear elevation housed a wash room on the first story and Henry Weber's shower room on the second story. A rubber hose ran from a cistern in the attic, above the shower room. Once heated by the sun, water could be

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			association with prominent figure.	

SPECIFIC DATES 1898-1904

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Seelheim" is significant because it is one of the largest most elaborate houses in Garrett County. It embodies all the characteristics of the Queen Anne style; its original character has not been altered.

It is also significant for its association with Henry Weber, a nationally known pioneer horticulturalist.

History and Support

"Seelheim" was constructed between 1898 and 1904 by a Philadelphia architect for Henry Weber (Robinette, Interview 1981). Weber died on January 21, 1904 before the completion of his elaborate house (Weber, "Price-list").

Henry Weber, a nationally known florist/horticulturalist, is best known for his pioneer work in developing several varieties of the carnation and chrysanthemum. His vast greenhouses are located south of "Seelheim", and are still marginally operated by his granddaughters.

Henry Weber was born in 1835 in Klein Seelheim, a small village in the province of Hesse Cassel, Germany. He attended government schools until the age of 14 when he apprenticed to a gardener/florist.

He served in the Crimean War as a British enlistee because he was reportedly too young to enlist as a German citizen. (Weber, "Price-List").

In 1865 he came to America to join a brother, John, in Mt. Savage where they operated a market/farming and floriculture business (Weeks, p. 63).

One story reports that Weber only came to America to visit his brother and was not impressed, however, he met Catherine Schutz and they were married in 1866 (Weber, "Price-List").

In 1870, he moved to Cumberland and set up his own floriculture business.

In 1880, upon the insistence of West Virginia Senator Henry Gassaway Davis, he purchased 100 acres south of Oakland, part of the old Hoyer tract known as "Civics." It was unimproved swampy glade land, but within a few years he was producing cauliflower, celery, and cabbage (Weber, "Price-List," and Weeks, p. 63).

Weber moved his family to Oakland in 1883 and lived near the greenhouses. He began cultivating carnations. His best known varieties were: Genevieve Lord, a pink carnation; Norway, a white carnation, and Governor Lowndes, a pure white carnation (Weber, "Price-List").

Weber had 11 children. Although his 6 sons assisted him with the business and continued to after his death, it was William Weber who directed the business, H. Weber & Sons Co.. William brought the company national acclaim for its carnations and chrysanthemums winning awards at exhibitions in Chicago, New York, Atlanta, Cincinnati, etc. (Weeks, p. 63).

An exhibit of the awards earned by H. Weber & Sons Co. and a collection of their account books, is presently housed at the Smithsonian's, Arts and Industries Museum in Washington, D.C. A railroad station stop, known as Weber Station, was located on the

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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COUNTY

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transmitted through the hose into a wooden stall below.

There is a 1-story frame ice house located a few feet east of the house. It contains 2 brick vaulted refrigerators. Ice from the pond at nearby Mountain Lake Park was brought and packed around the vaults. The icehouse also housed a pump and well. There is a small room upstairs. A springs enters the building through a trough at the lower level.

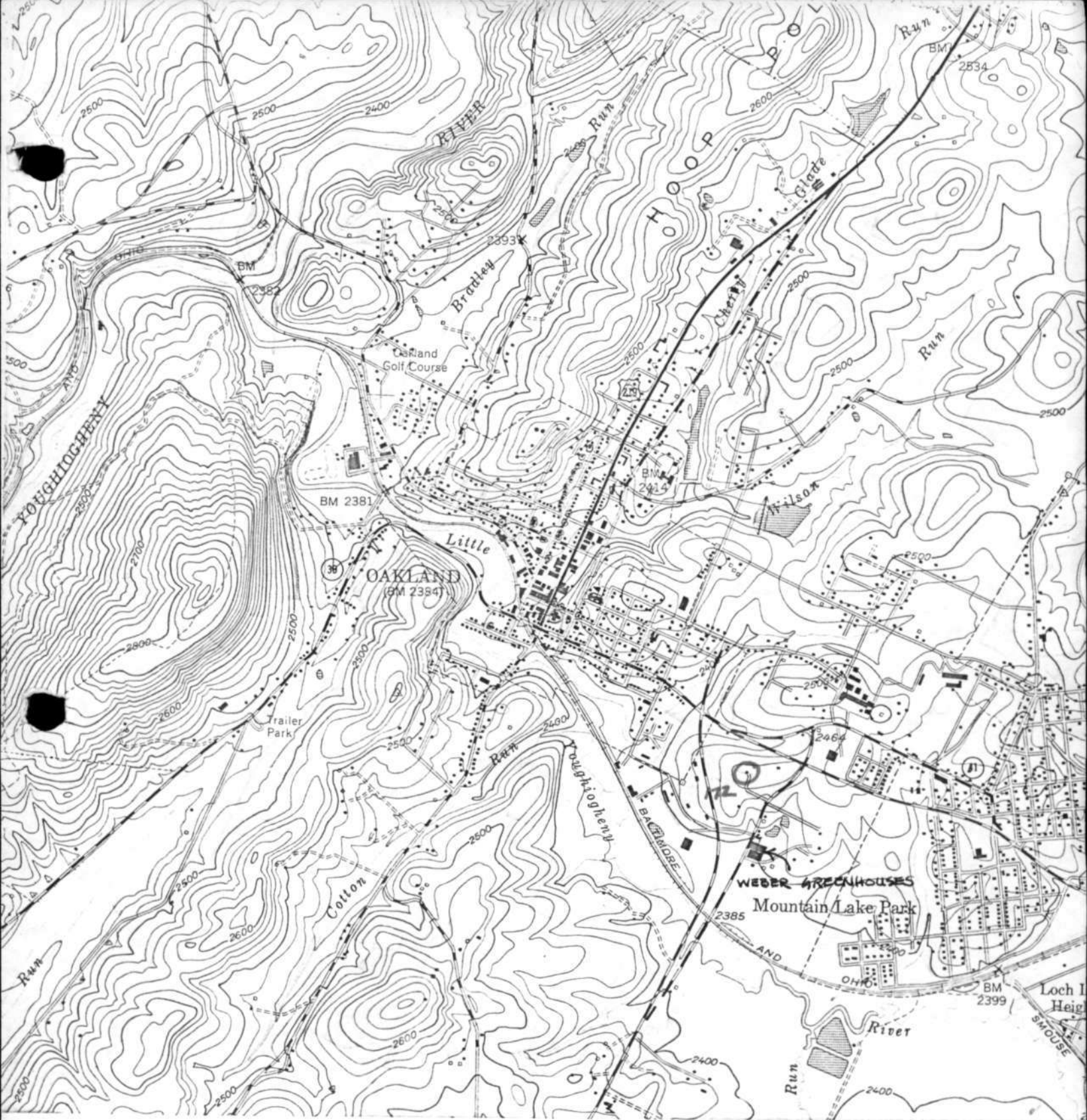
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Florists,

Founded in 1870 by Henry Weber
Incorporated 1905,

150,000 sq. ft. of Glass

Oakland, Md.,



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Seelheim

Garrett Co., Md.

M. Stinson, 12/81

N. Elev.



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Seelheim

Garrett Co., Md.

M. Stinson, 12/81

Rear, E. Elev. and N. Elev.



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Seelheim

Garrett Co., Md.

M. Stinson, 12.81

Rear, E. Eley.



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Seelheim

Garrett Co., Md.

M. Stinson, 12/81

Facade, W. Elev.

FIGURE 136



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Seelheim

Garrett Co., Md.

M. Stinson, 12/81

S. Elev.



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Seelheim

Garrett Co., Md.

M. Stinson, 12/81

Detail: S. Elev., Oriel window



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Seelheim

Garrett Co., Md.

M. Stinson, 12/81

Detail; Window, S. Elev.



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Seelheim

Garrett Co., Md.

M. Stinson, 12/81

Facade entrance, W. Elev.



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Icehouse, E. Elev.

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